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Significant Activities

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scheduled a complete outage beginning at 1601Z 21 July continuing for 24 hours. The shutdown was to accomplish work required for upgrading the air-conditioning and power distribution systems. All stations affected by this outage were advised and alternate arrangements for handling of precedence traffic were established. All traffic was processed without delay using the alternate routing plan. The work was completed and the procedence of the state of the st

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- has withdrawn his recommendation for reduction in the communications staffing complement.
- 3. Benefits from Activation of ACT: The Office of Communications has conducted a survey to determine what percentage of outgoing cables are properly prepared for the Optical Scanner. The results show that the cooperation of cable originators has been outstanding. Over 90% of the cables are prepared properly, i.e., using the correct font, correct forms and correct procedures. Approximately 50% of them are error free and can be processed through the scanner without manual intervention. This is particularly significant since three months ago barely 10% of the cables could be processed without operator assistance.

Twenty-five percent of the cables have hand-written corrections, but only 4% had three or more hand-written corrections, and it is only this latter group that creates serious problems for the operator.

The successful application of the Optical Scanner has put the Signal Center into the "black" side of the ledger again. The operating force in the Signal Center has been reduced by 17 slots in FY-72 and 73 in anticipation of the benefits expected with the activation of the ACT.

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4. Four KW-7's are in the process of being pouched to the station.

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